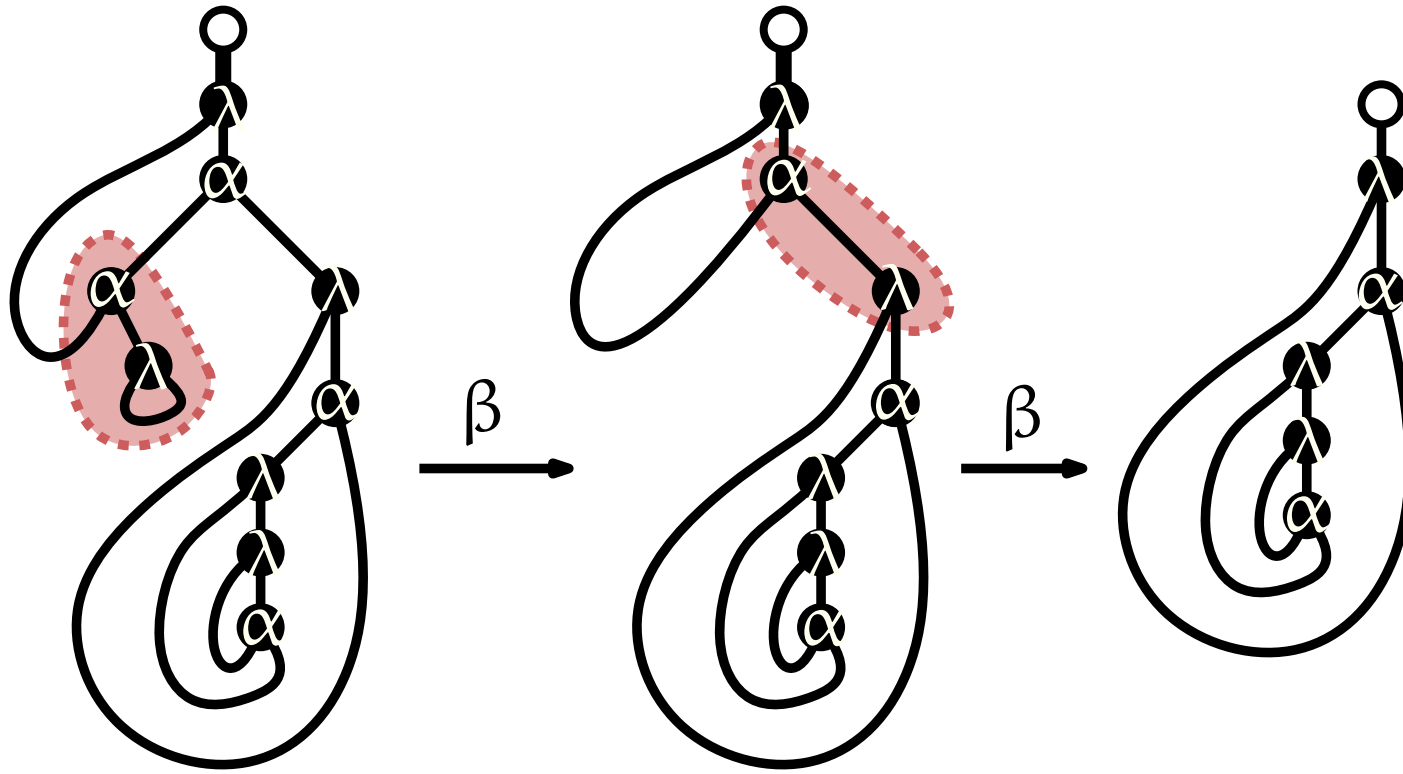


Normalisation of closed linear λ -terms and patterns in trivalent maps



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The plan

- A brief overview of maps and the λ -calculus
- Context and results
- A strategy for deriving such results
- Normalisation of closed linear terms
- Other patterns in terms and maps

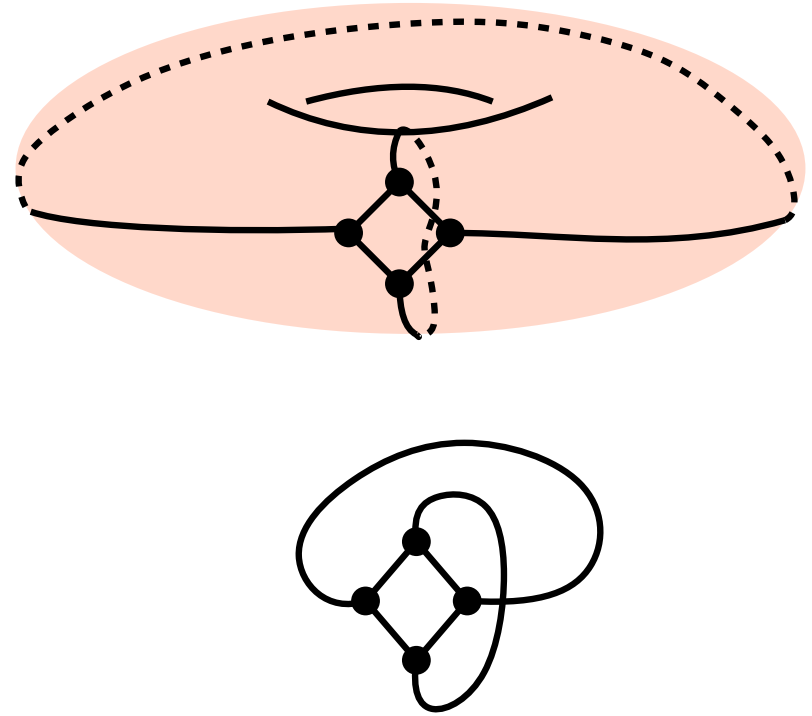
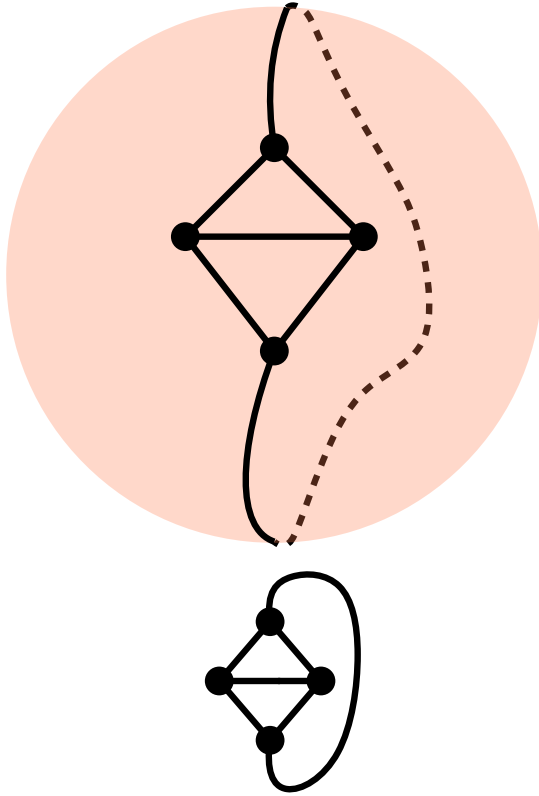
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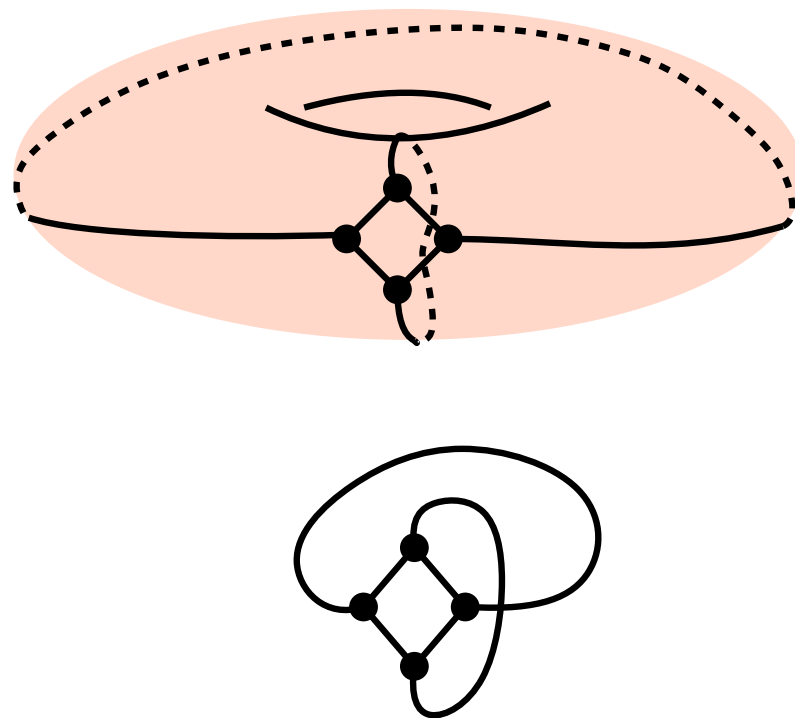
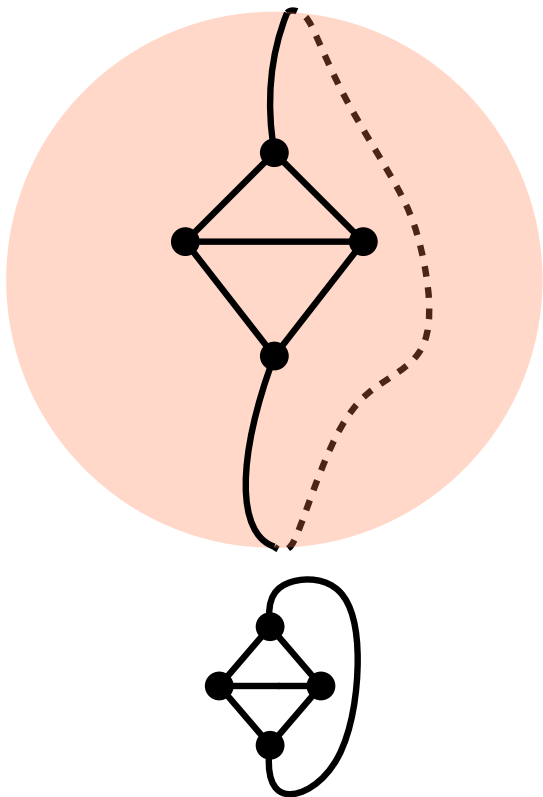
Of the following types of redices, which one has the highest mean number of occurences in random closed linear terms?

- a) Abstraction applied to variable: $(\lambda x.t) y$
- b) Abstraction applied to abstraction: $(\lambda x.t) (\lambda y.t')$
- c) Abstraction applied to application: $(\lambda x.t) (a b)$

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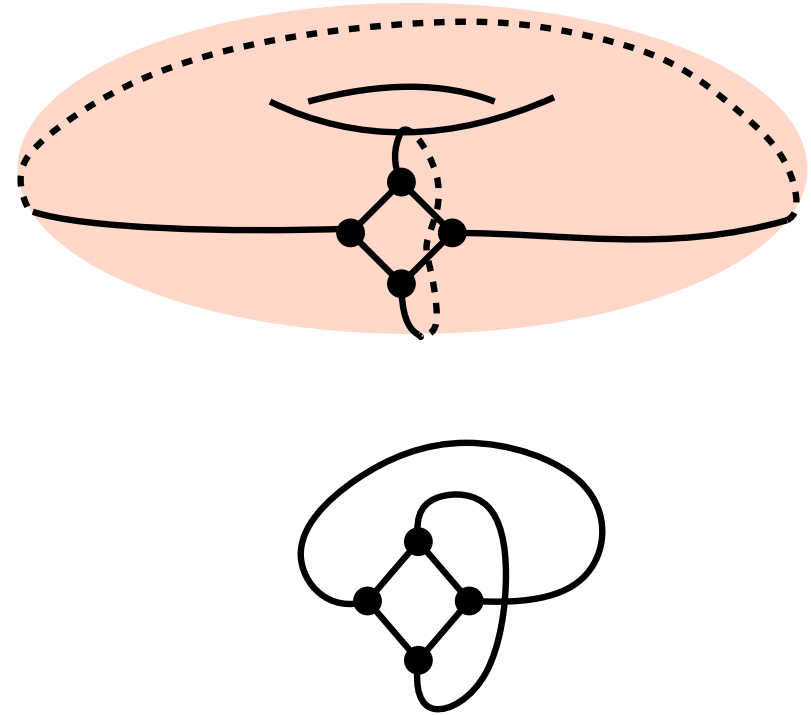
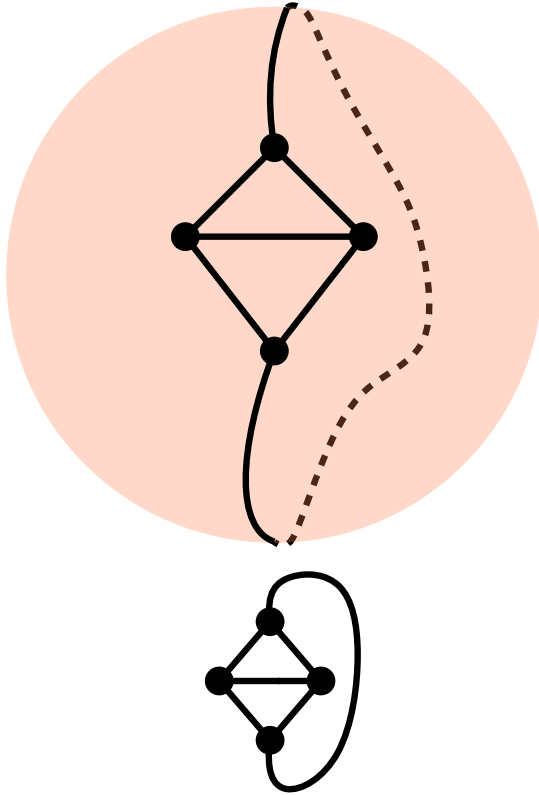
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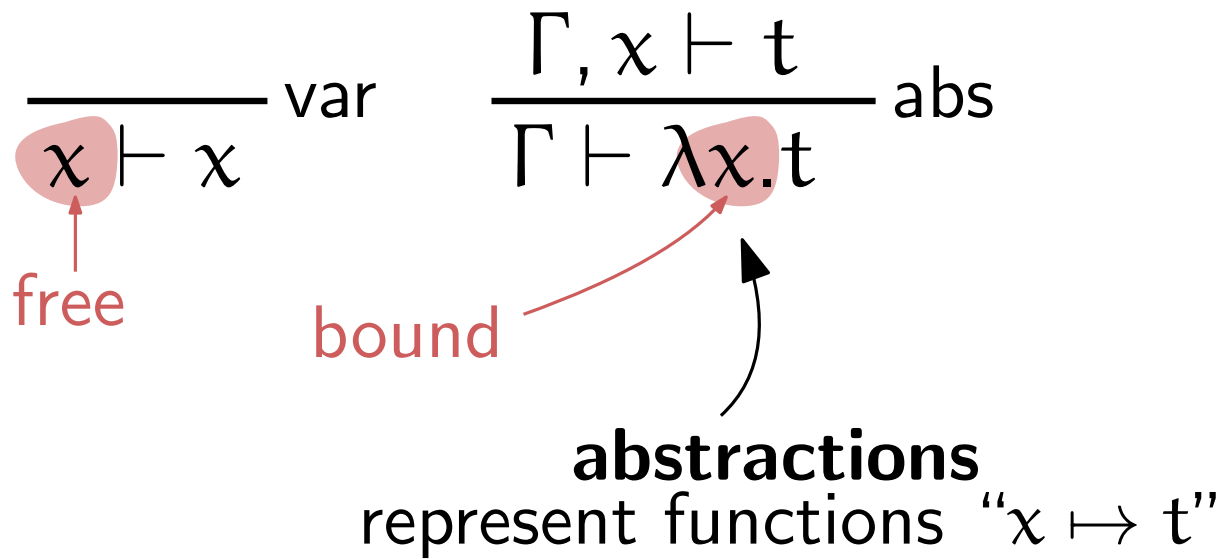
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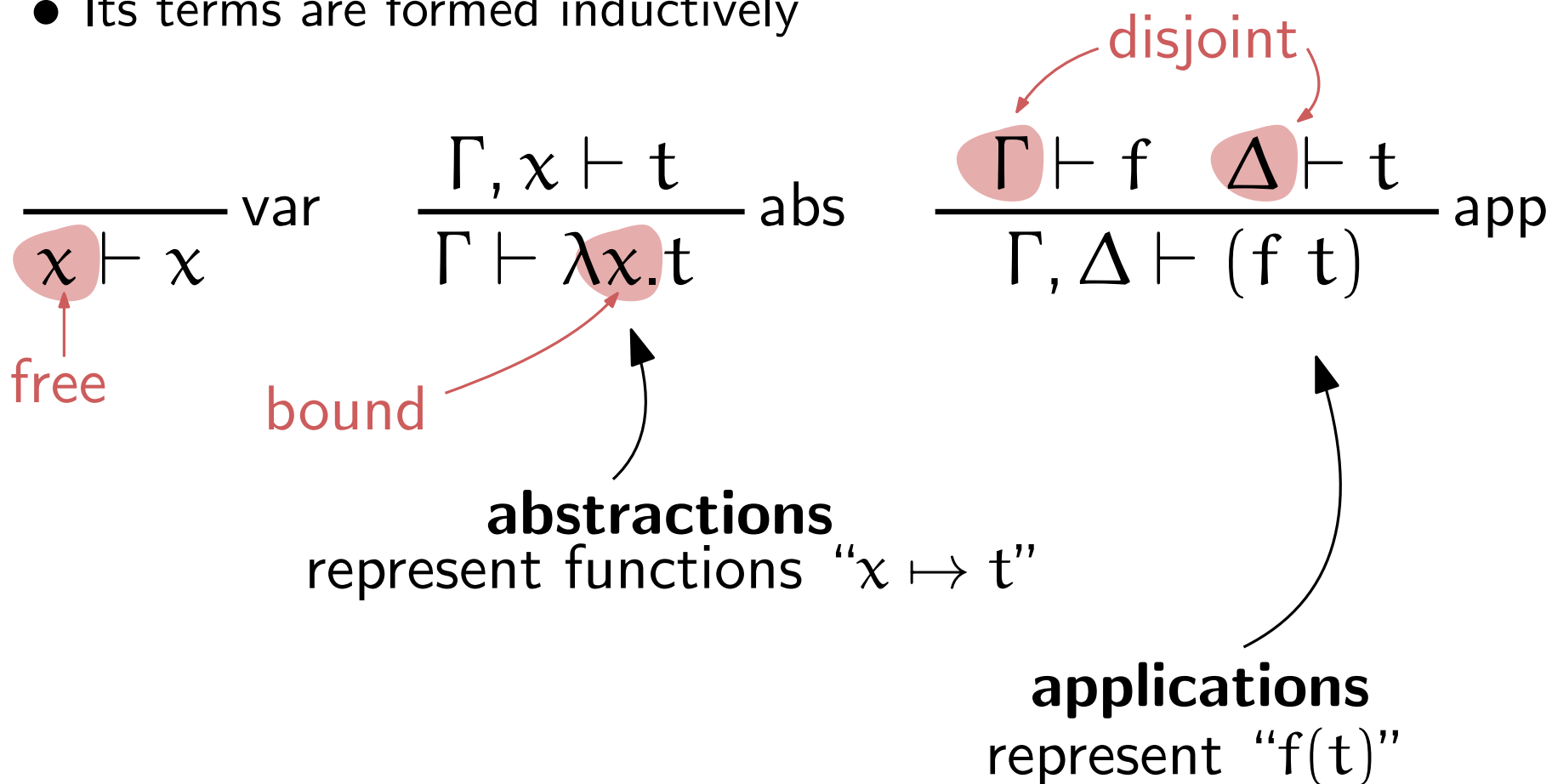
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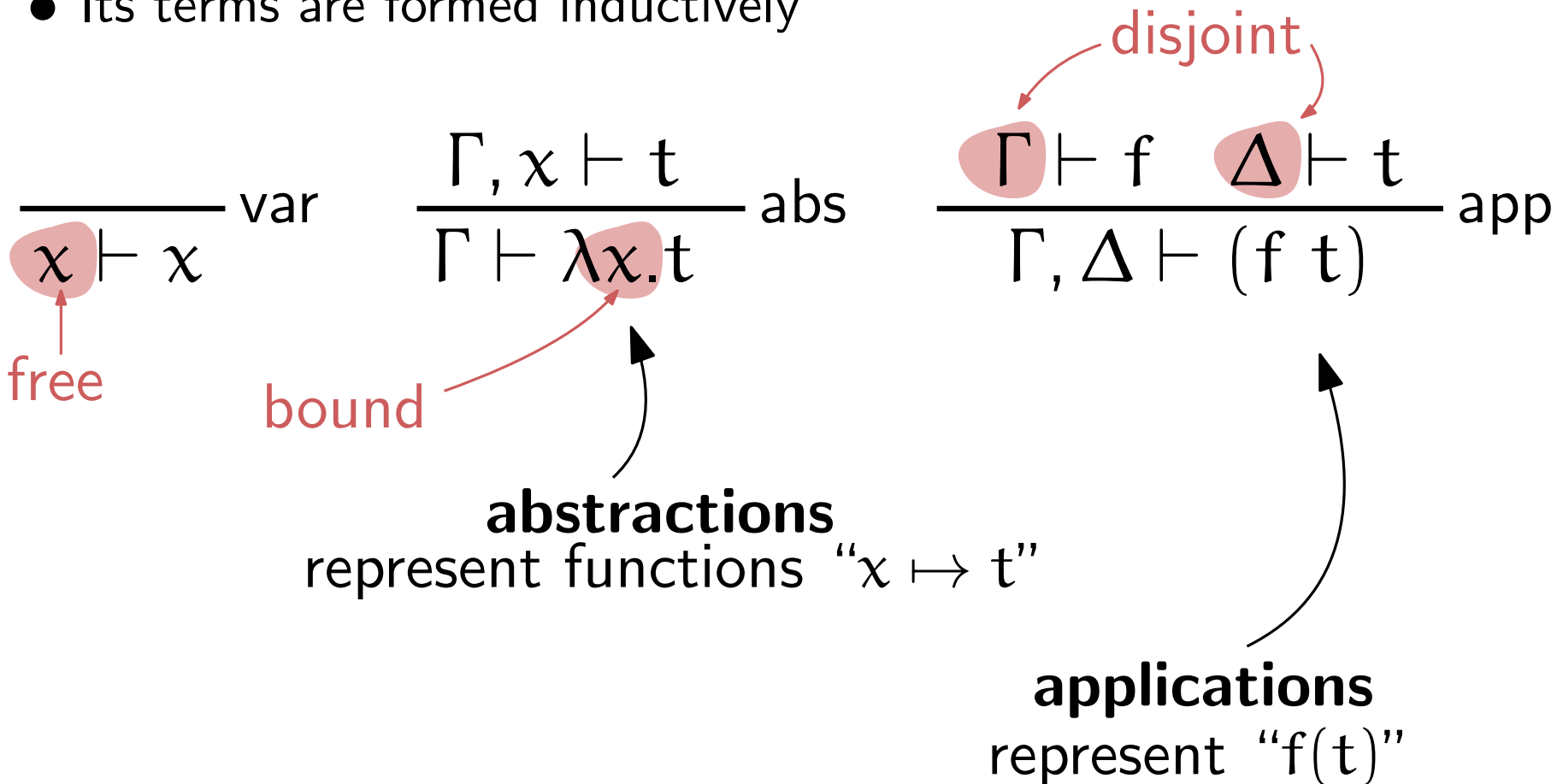
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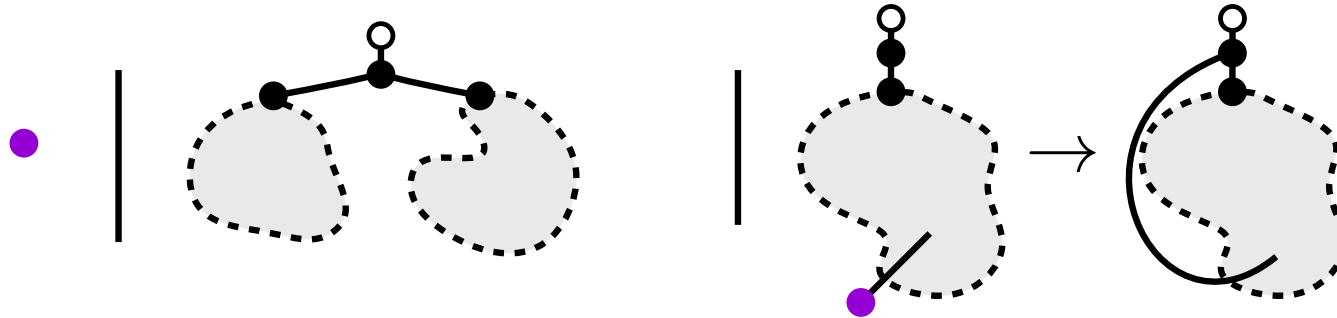
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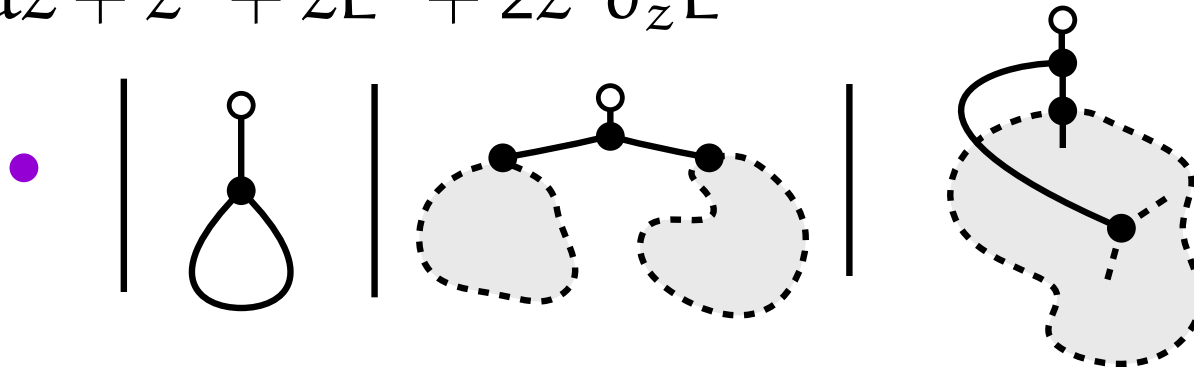
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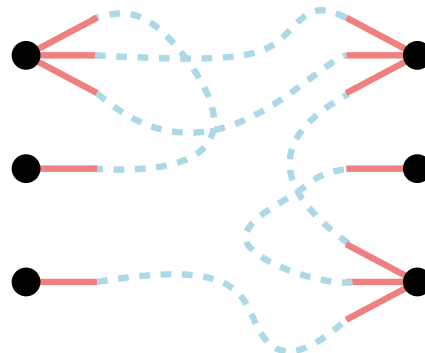
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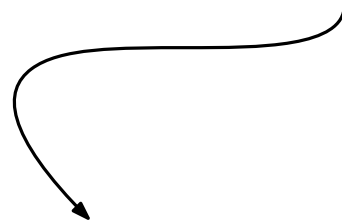
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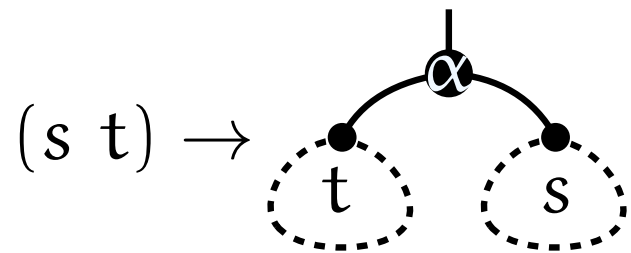
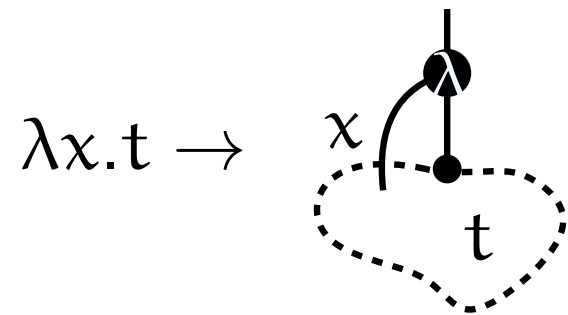
2) Develop tools for rapidly growing coefficients, based on:

- Moment pumping
- Bender's theorem for compositions $F(z, G(z))$
- Coefficient asymptotics of Cauchy products

$$[z^n](A(z) \cdot B(z)) \sim a_n b_0 + a_0 b_n + O(a_{n-1} + b_{n-1})$$

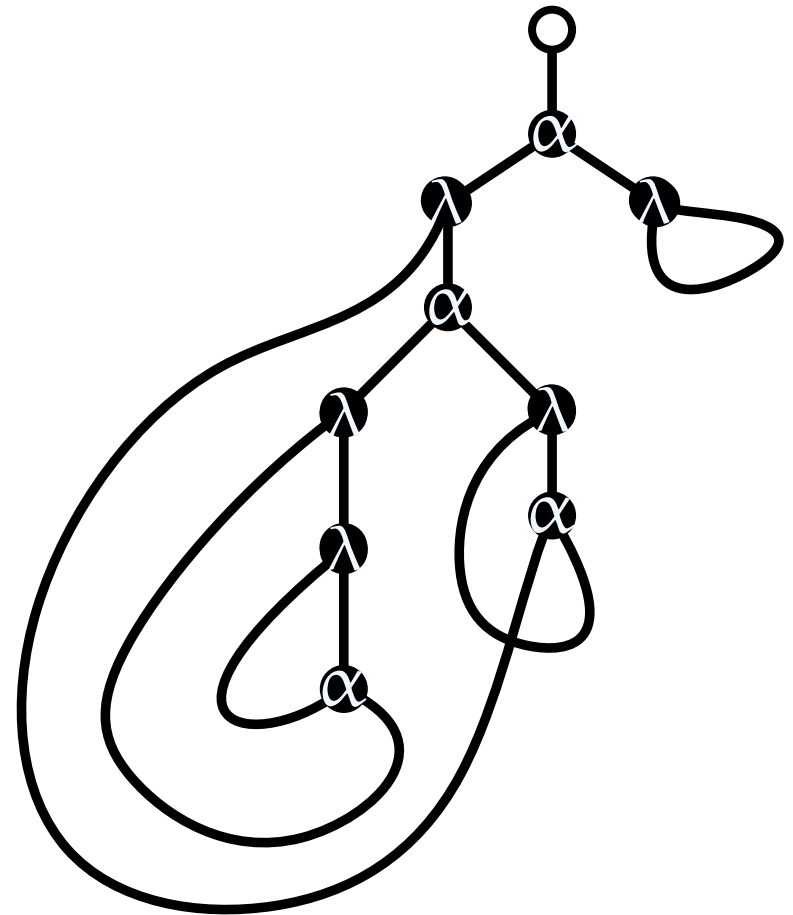
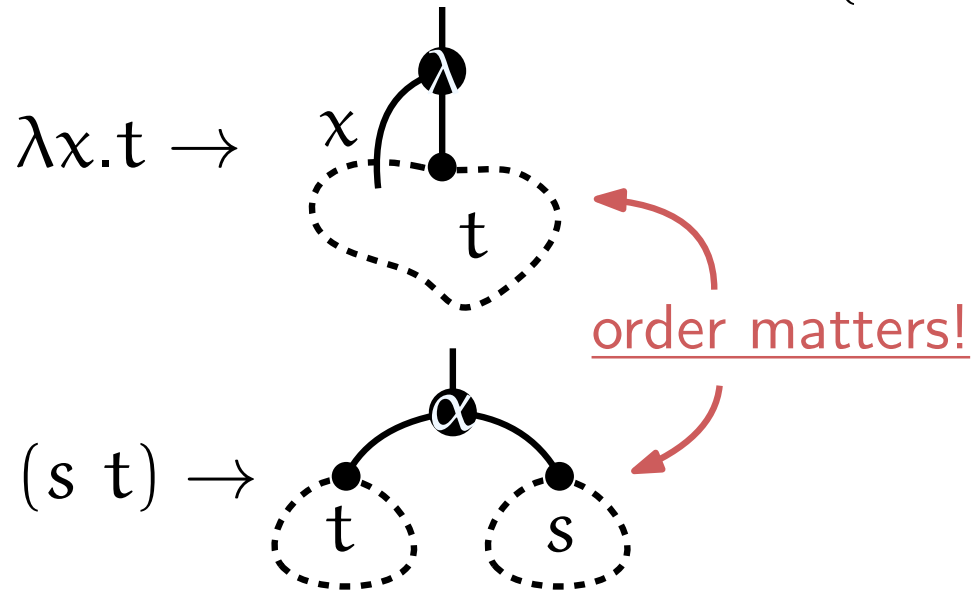
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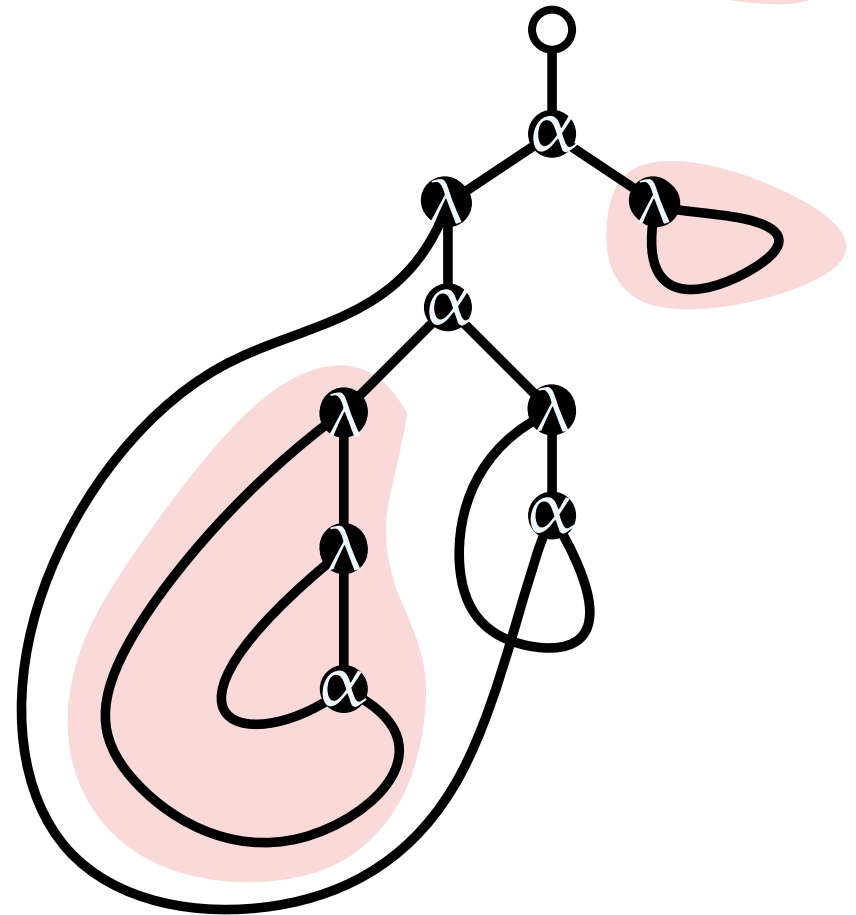
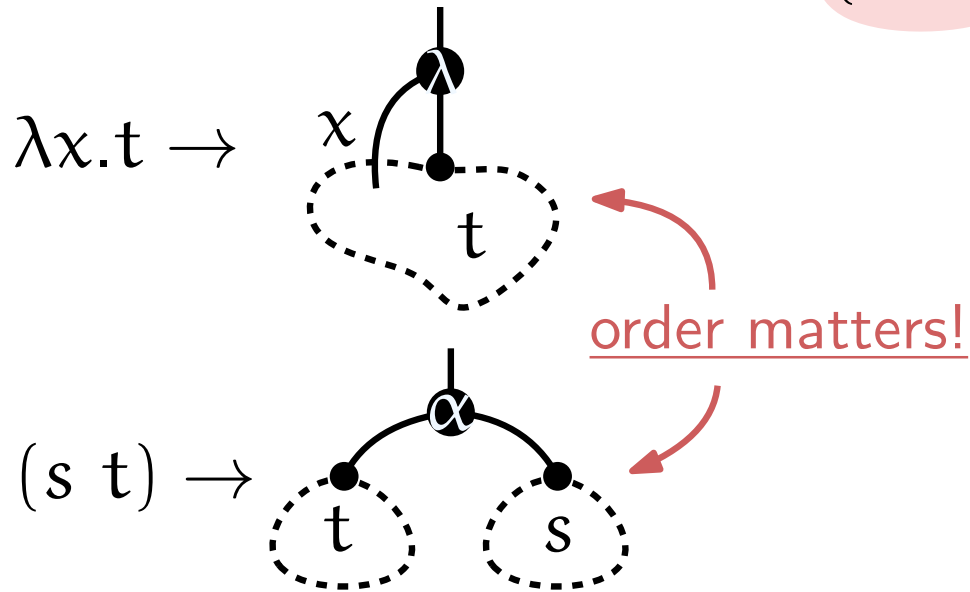


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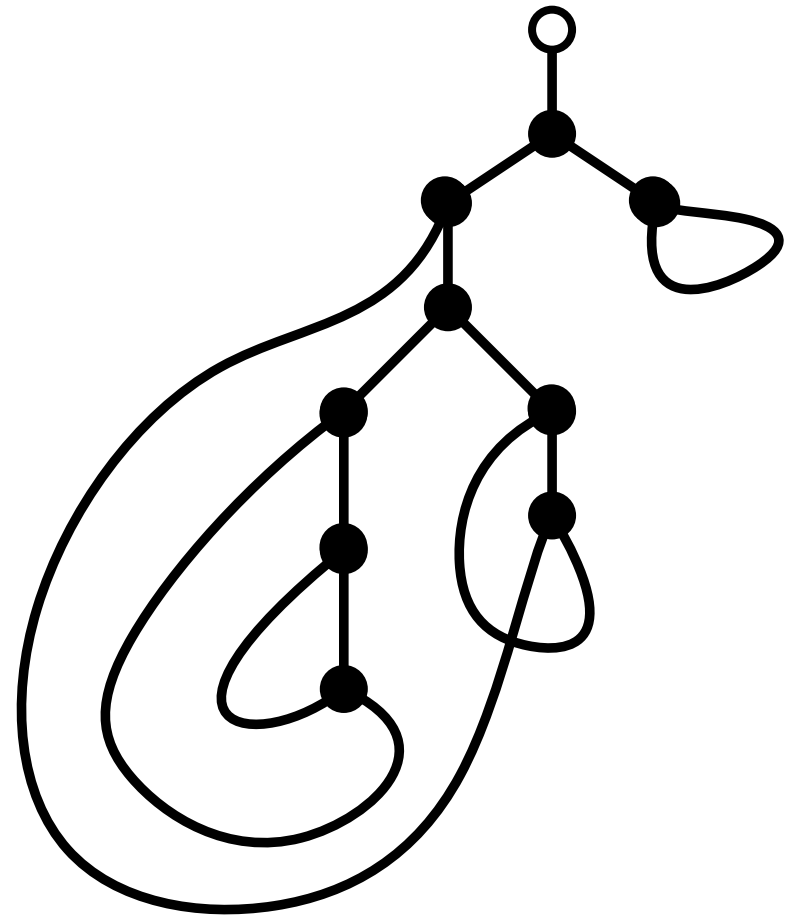
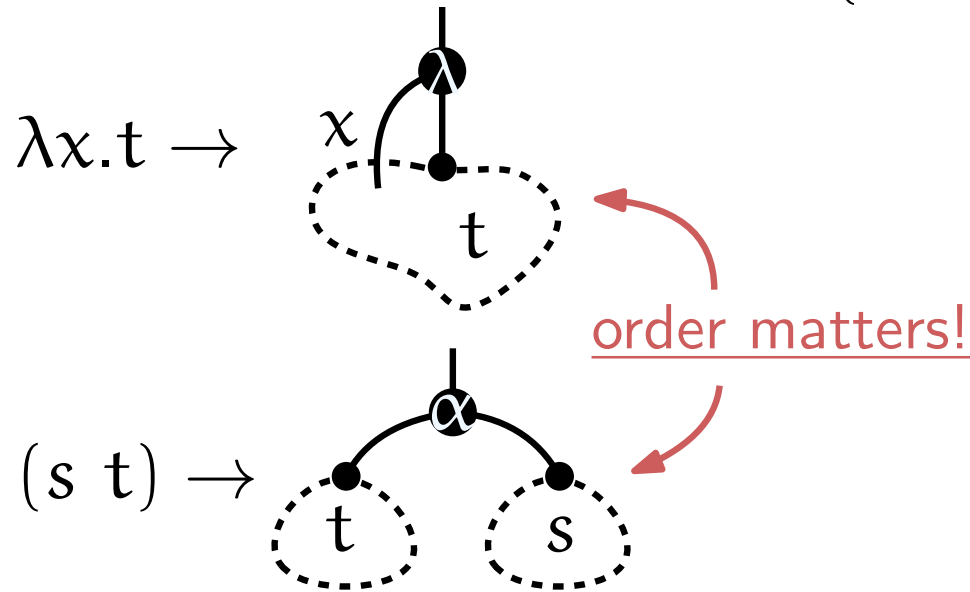


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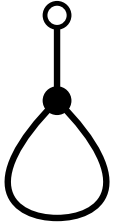
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A: Yes, via an exploration process! [BGJ13, BGGJ13,Z16]

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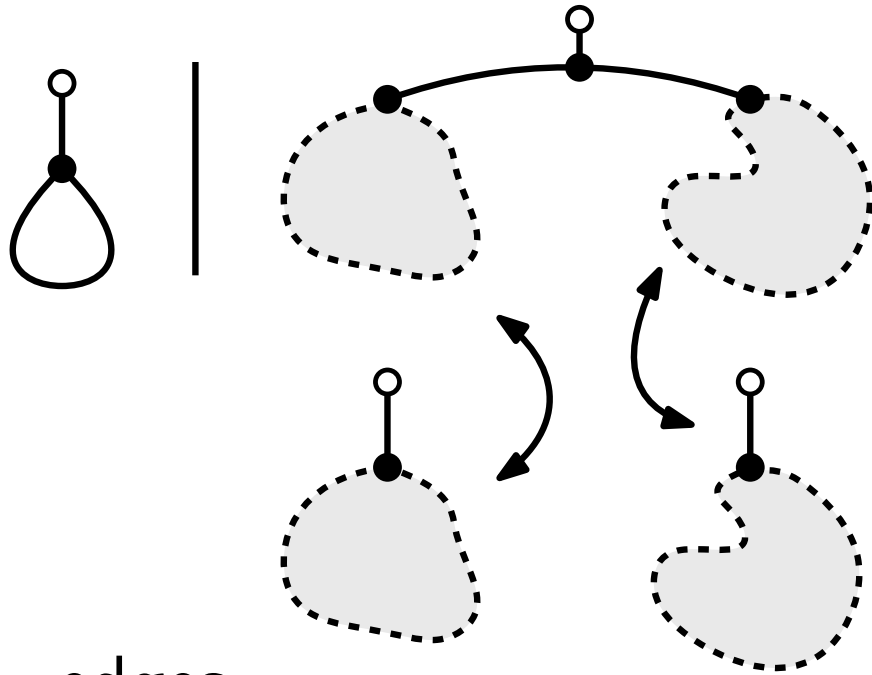
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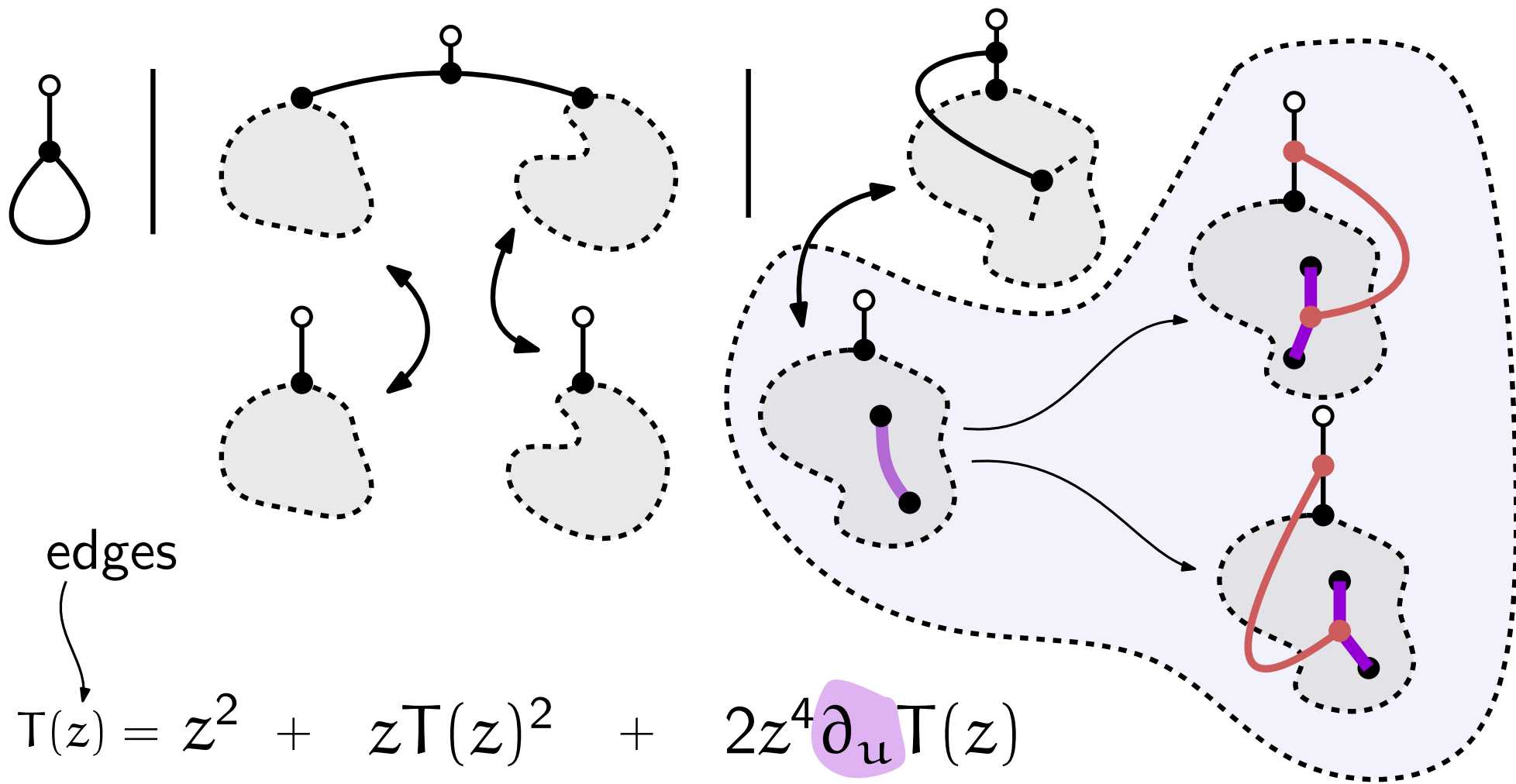
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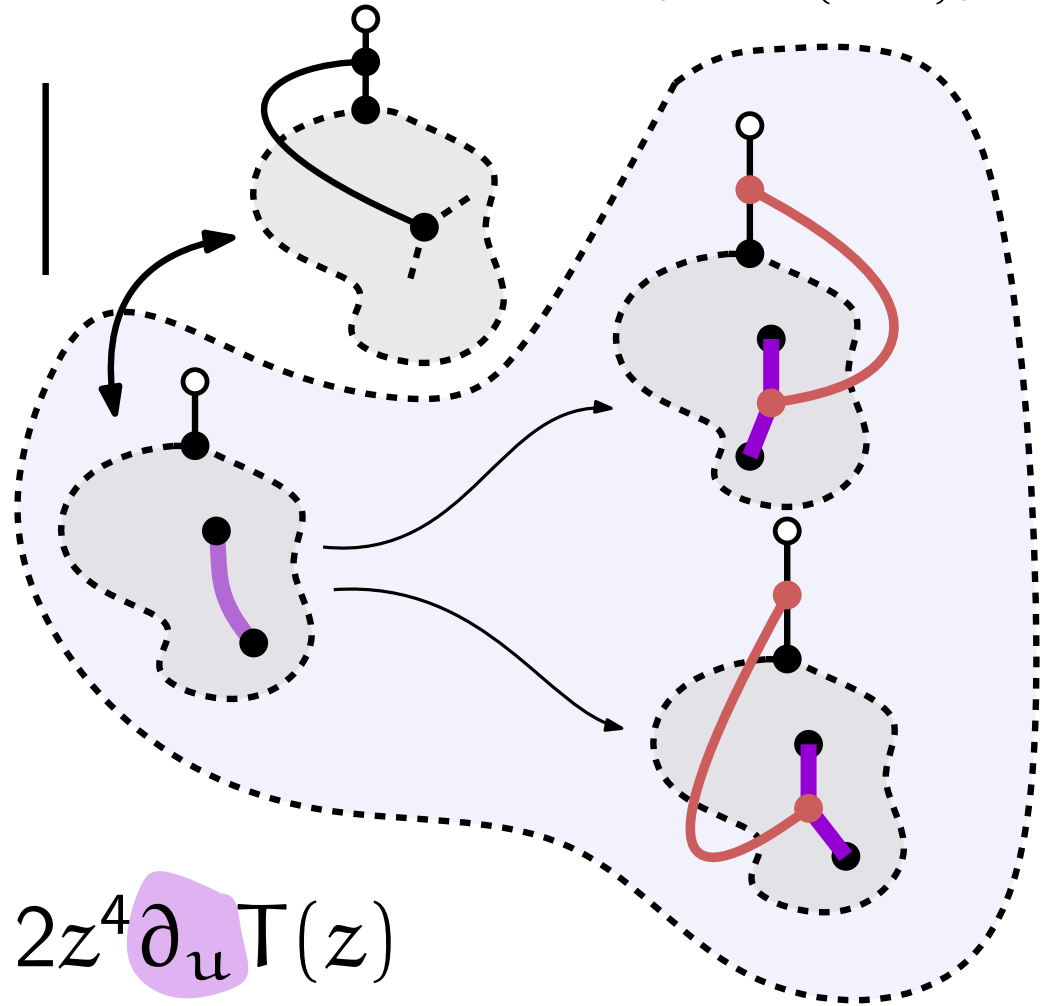
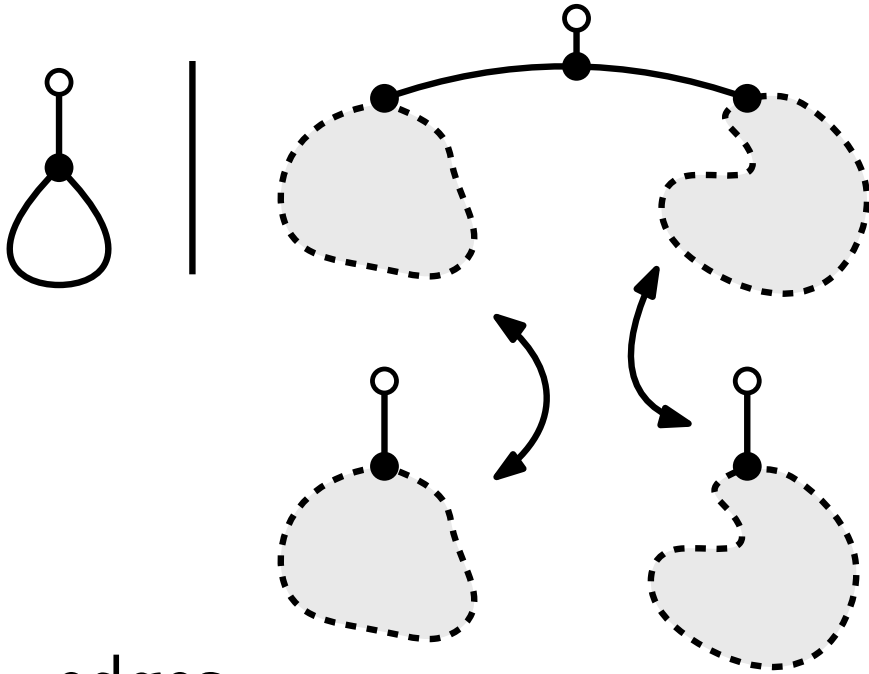
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A term with no redices is called a **normal form**

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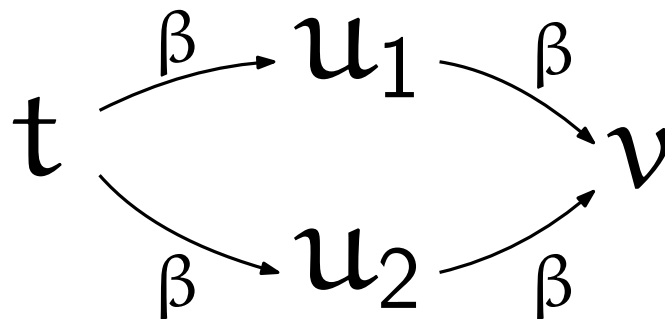
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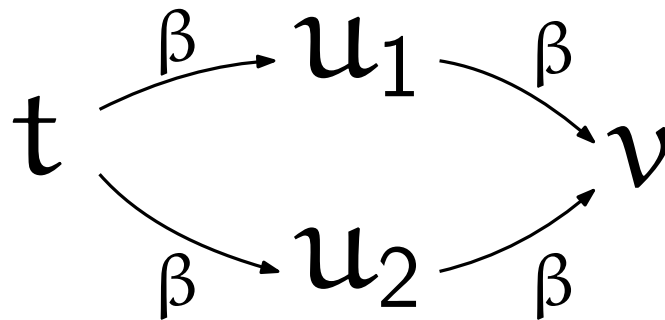
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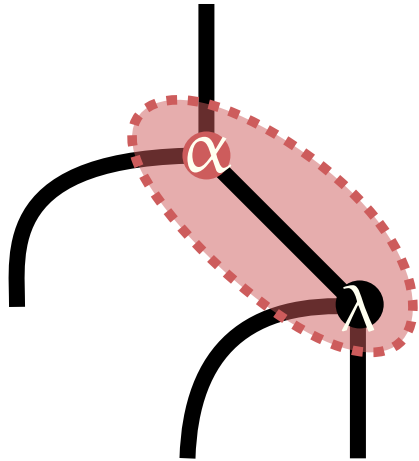
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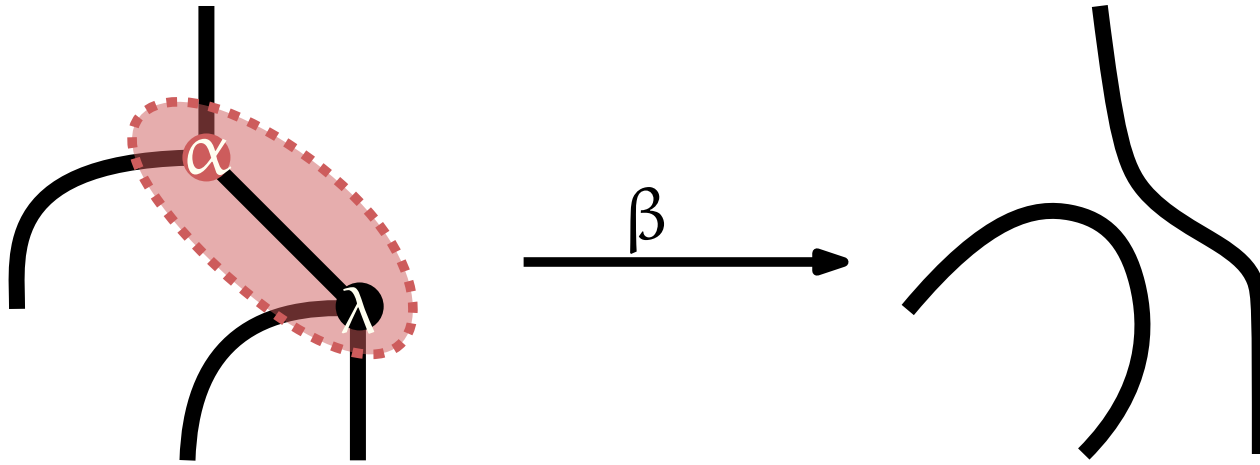


β -normalisation terminates in deterministic number of steps

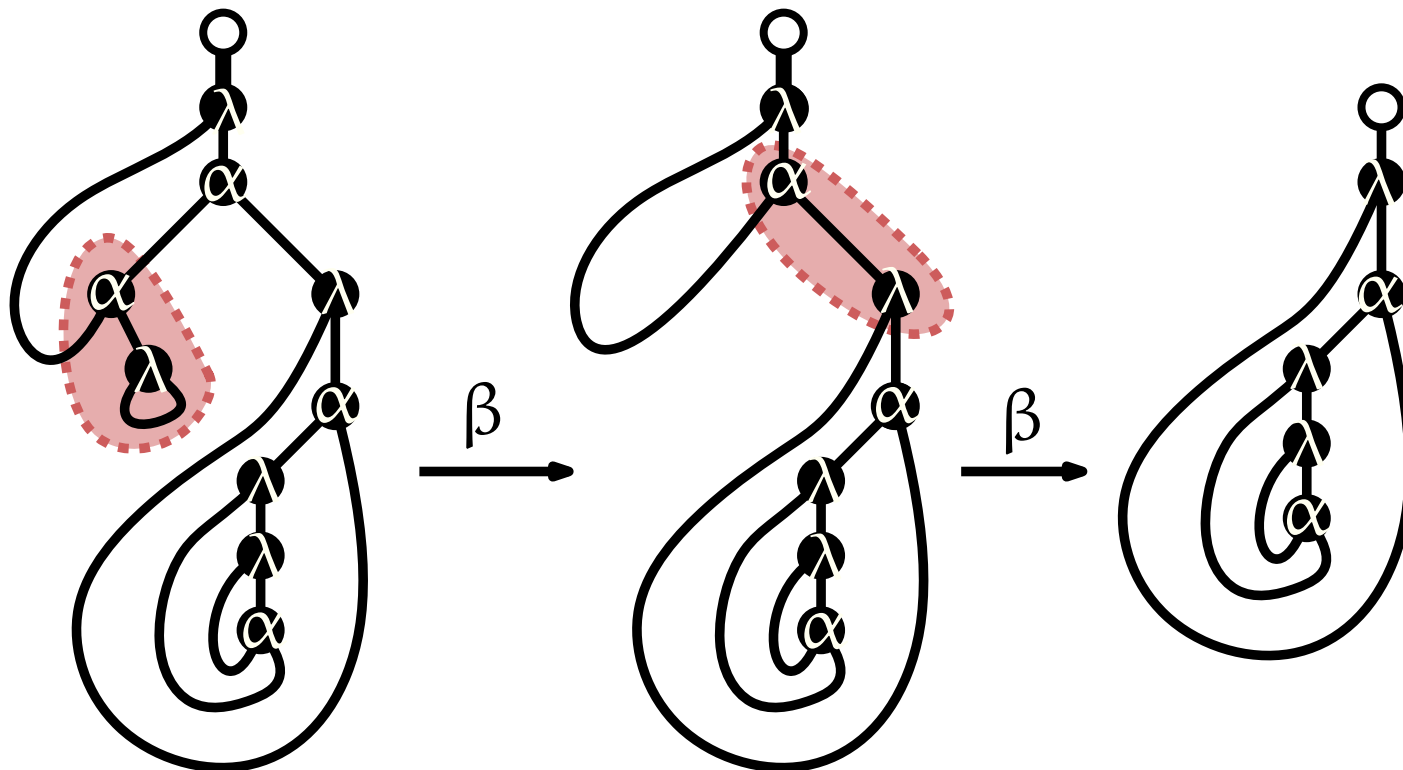
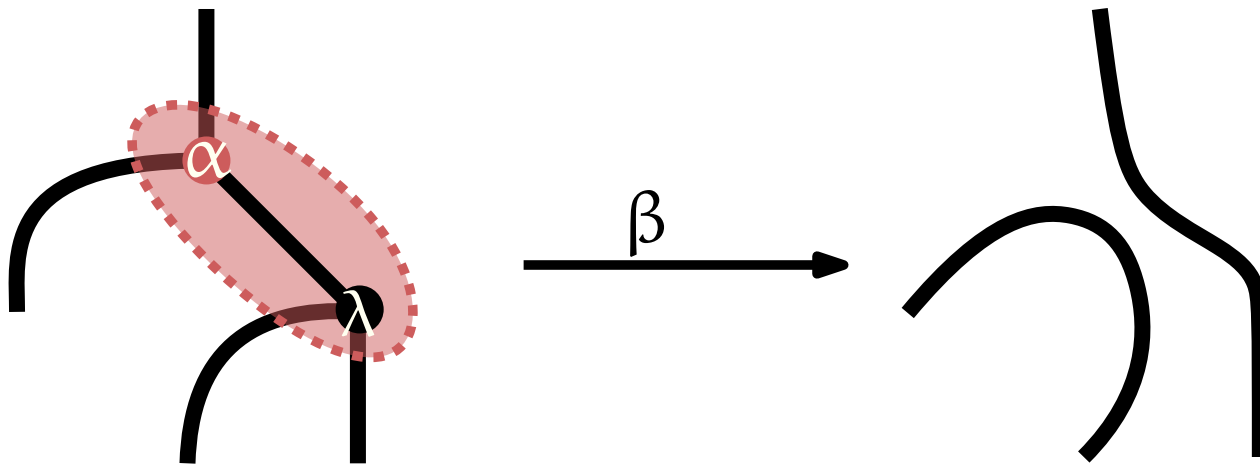
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Q: Why is this just a lower bound?

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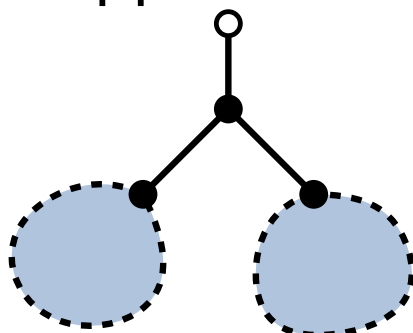
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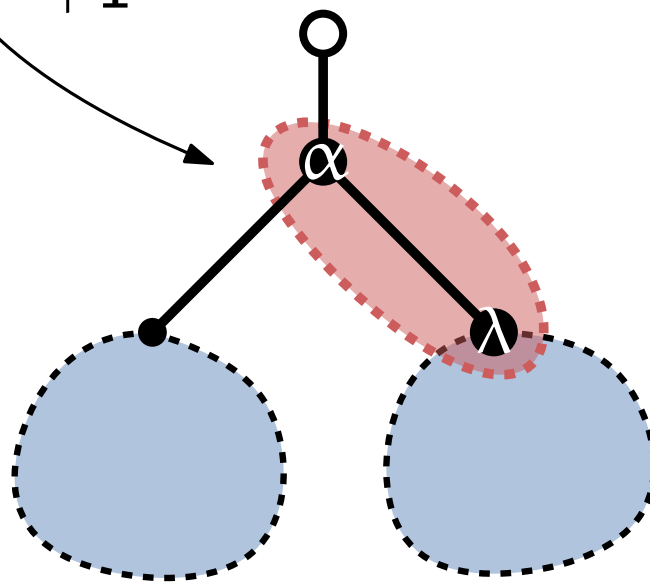
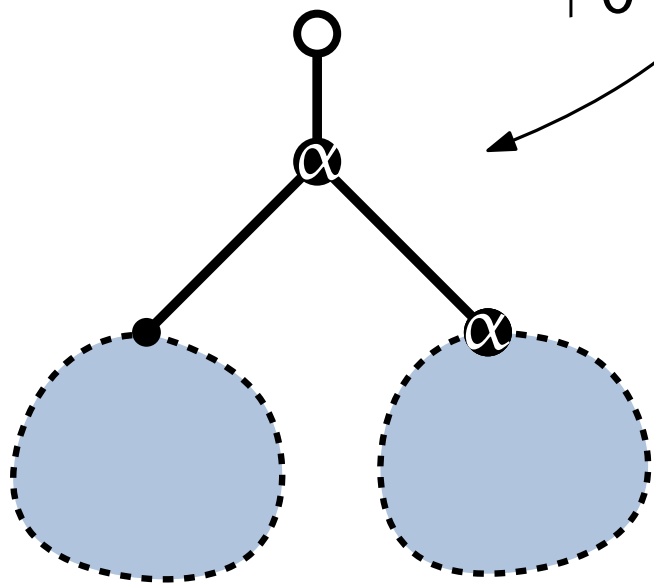


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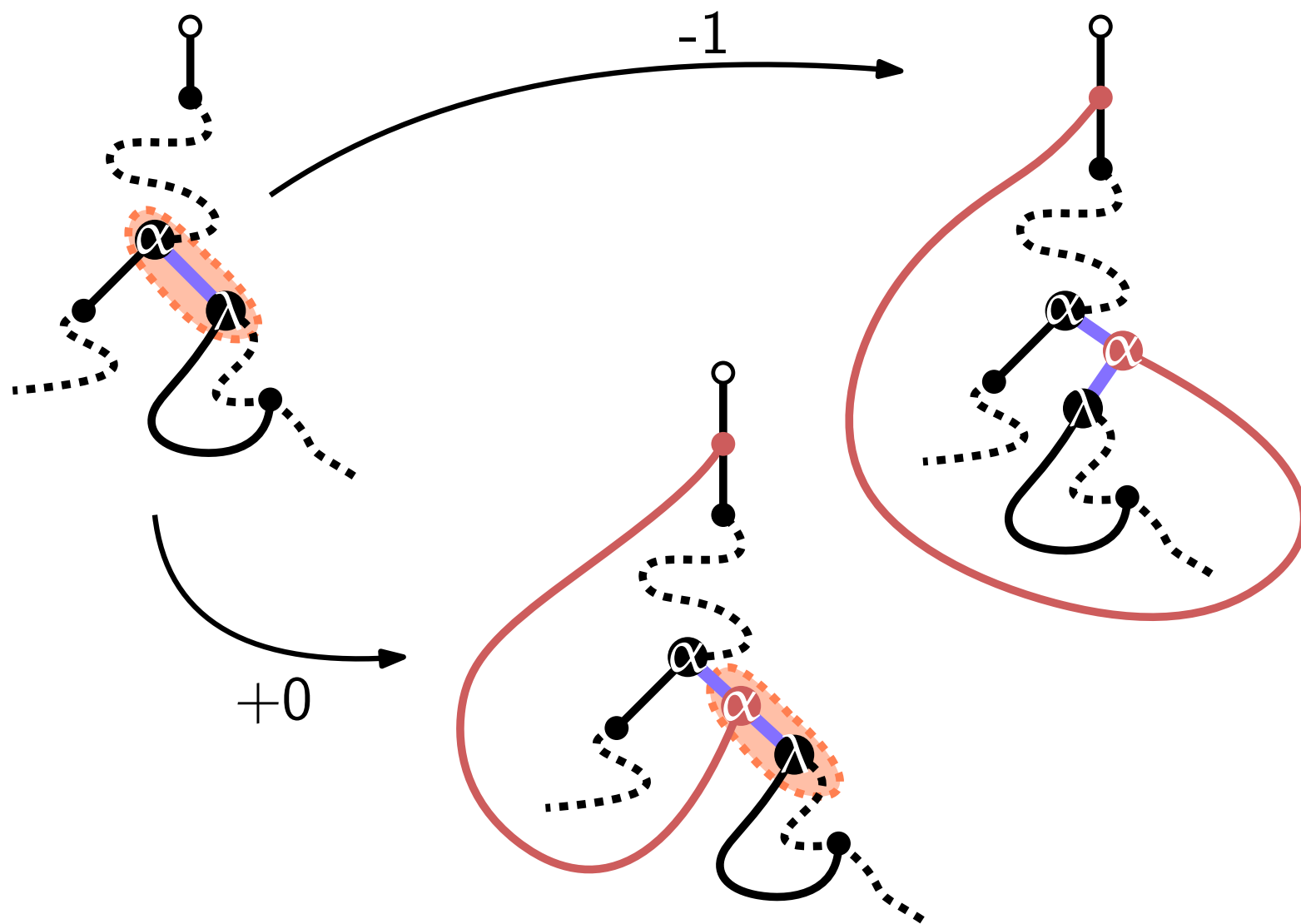
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Abstractions, subcase 1.1



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$$\mathbb{E}(X_n) \sim \frac{n}{24}$$

$$\mathbb{V}(X_n) \sim \frac{n}{24}$$

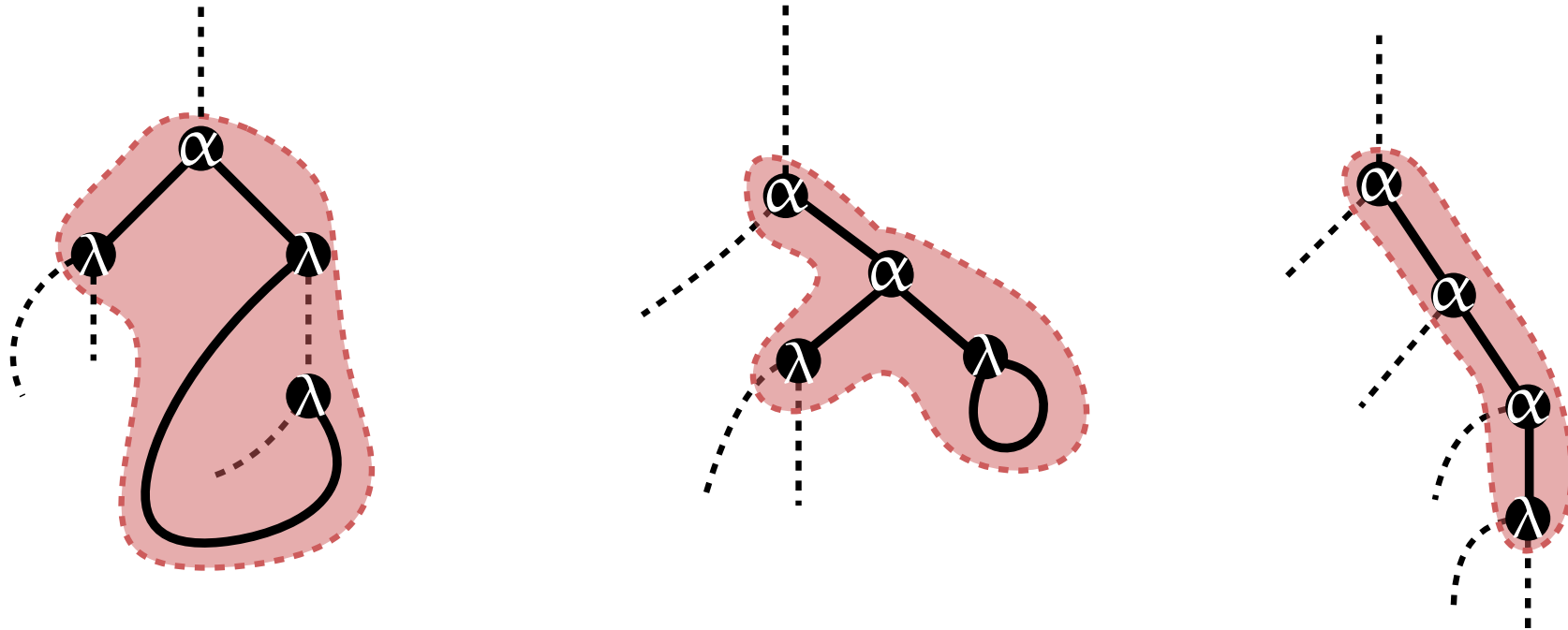
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(see JJ Lévy's thesis)

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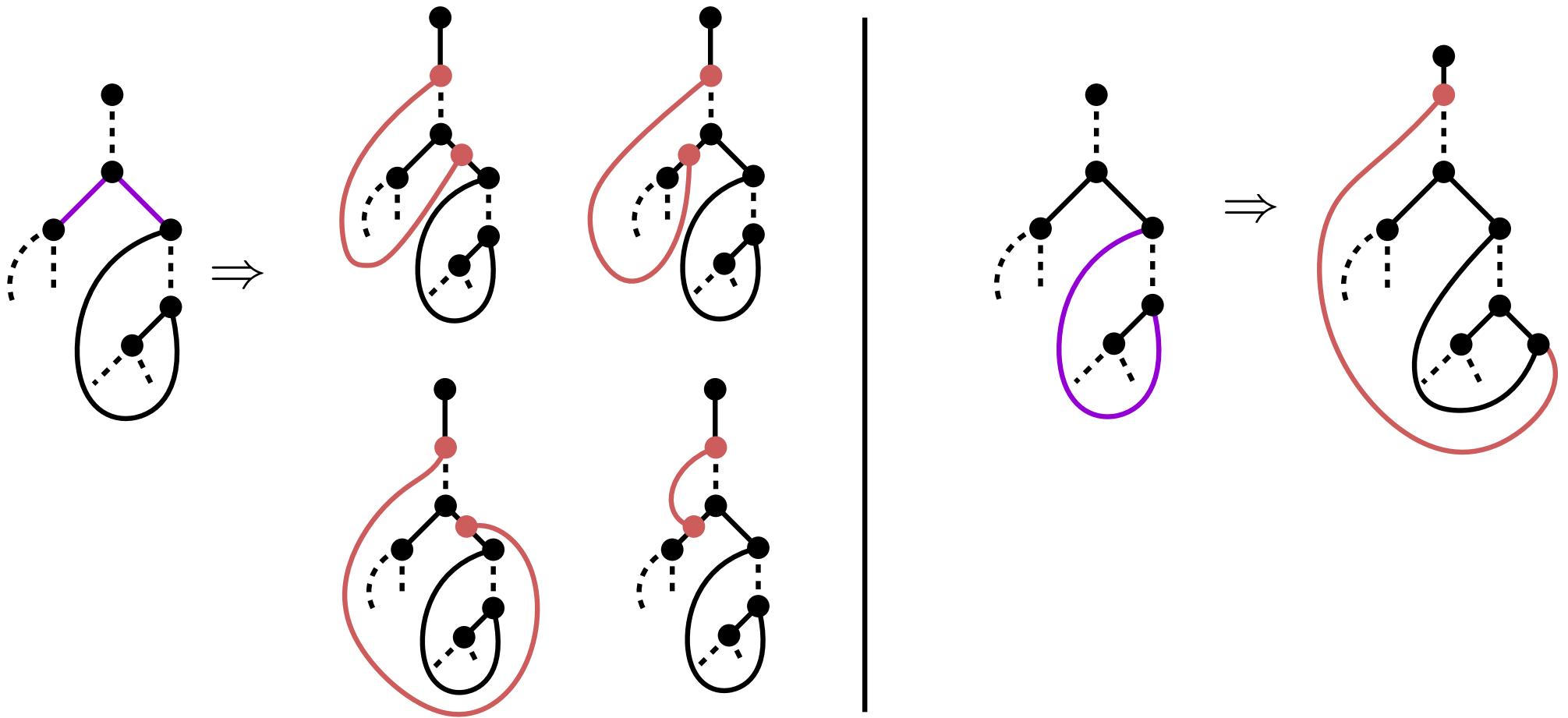
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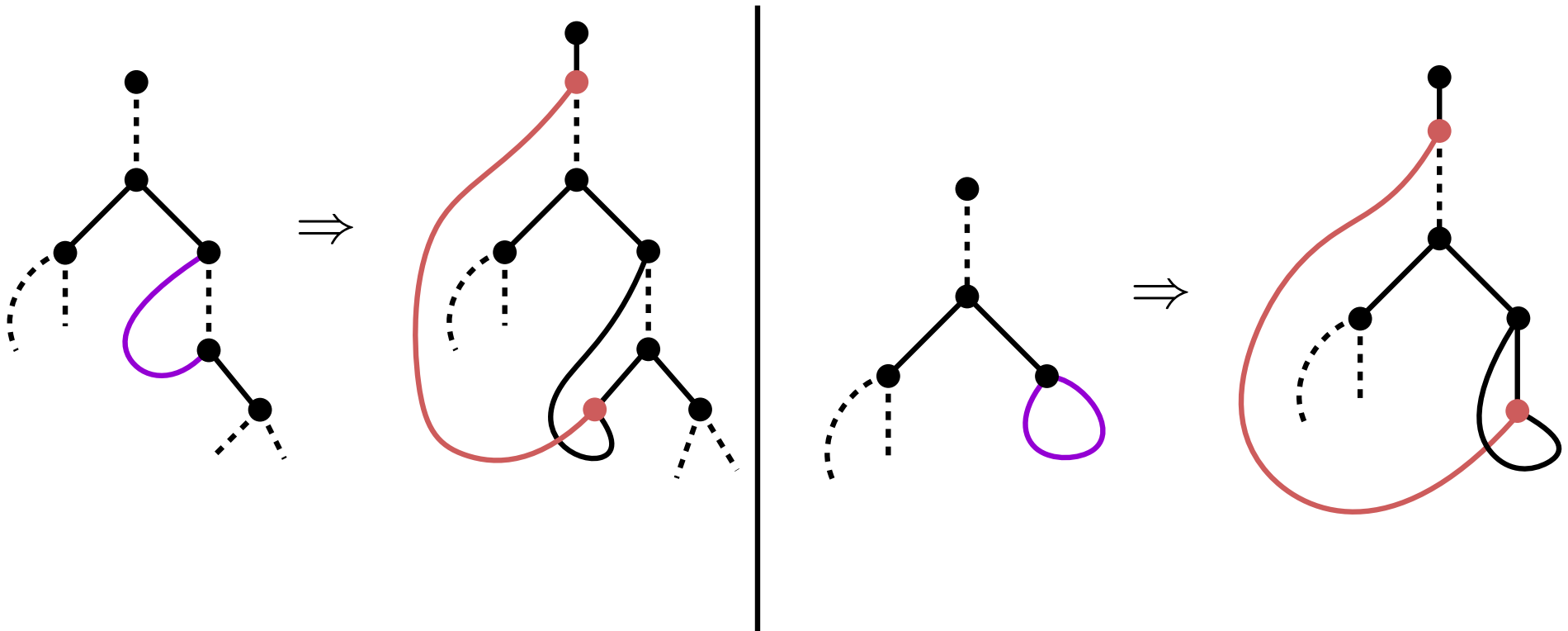
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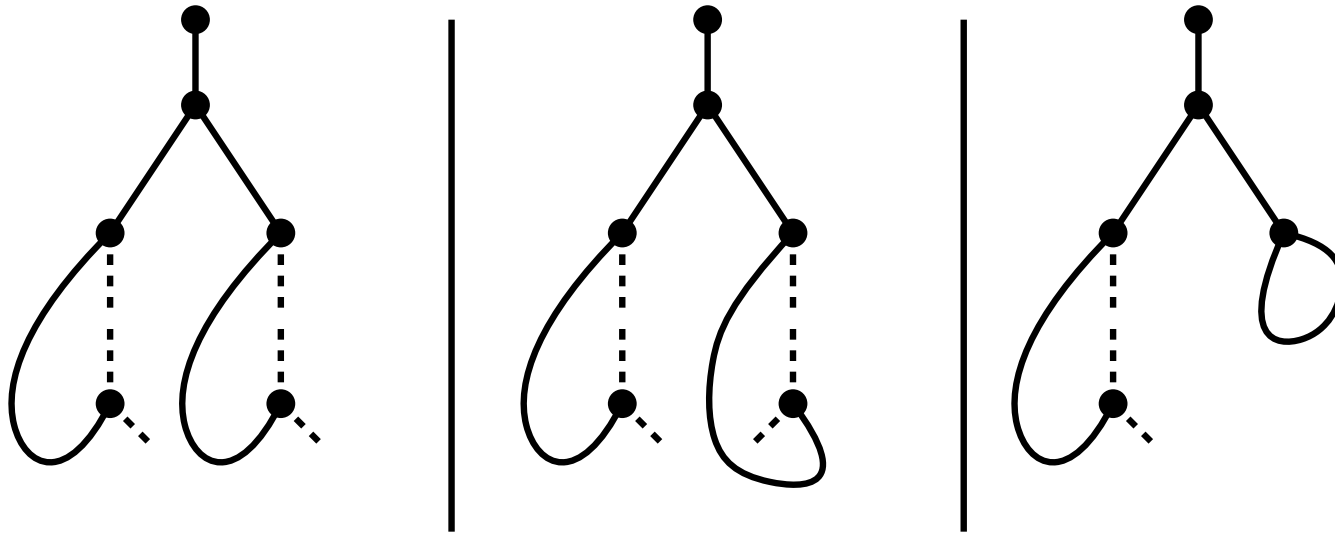
Thus we also need to keep track of:

$$C_1[\lambda x. C_2[(t_1 \ x)]](\lambda y. t_2) \quad C_1[(\lambda x. x)(\lambda y. t_2)]$$

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Applications creating p_1 and auxiliary patterns:



Thus, for an app. of the form $(l_1 \lambda y.t_1)$ we need to consider how l_1 was formed.

Enumerating p_1 -patterns

- Thus we have the following equations:

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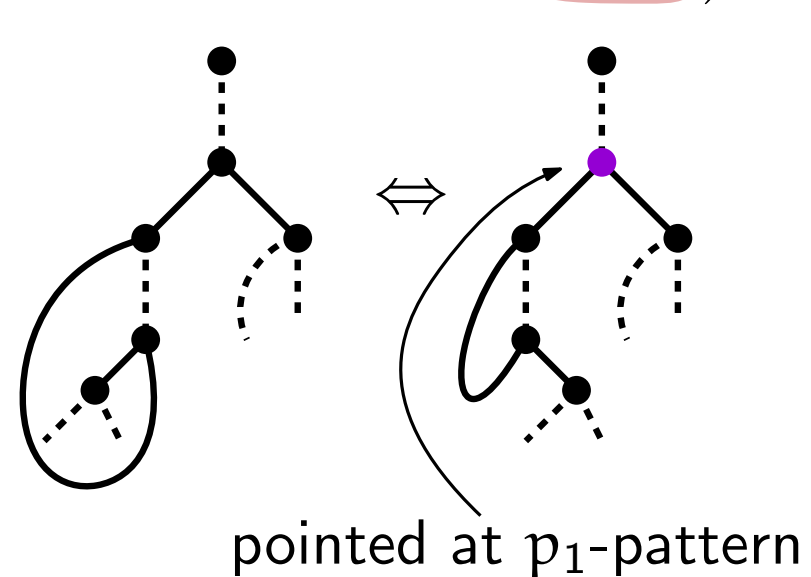
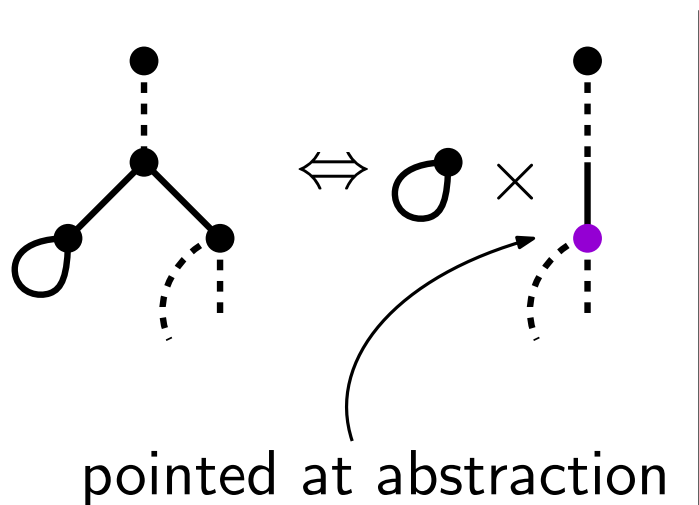
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Both are asymptotically constant in expectation!

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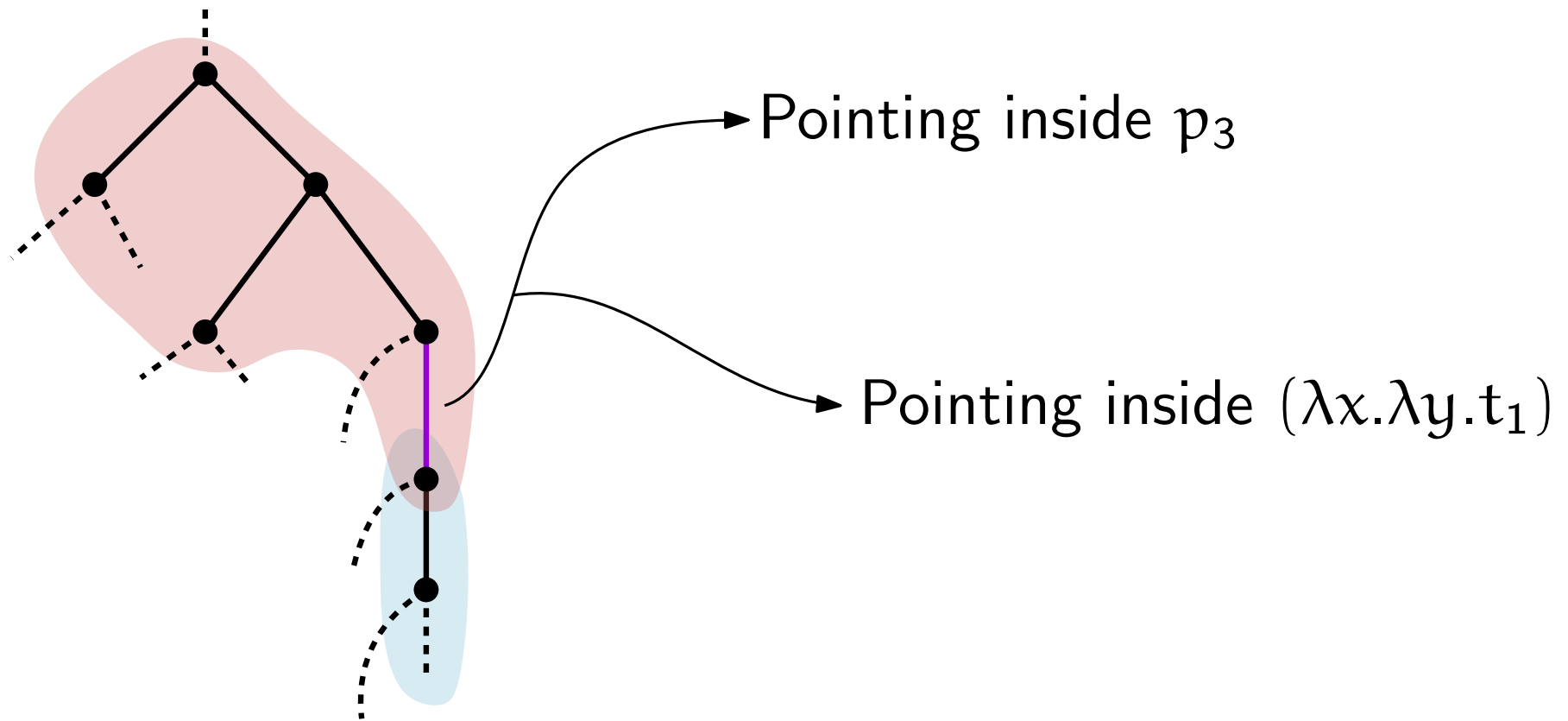
- As before, we'll also need to enumerate auxiliary patterns:

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$$\bar{Y}_n = (2n - 6)Y_{n-3} - 6Y_{n-3}$$

$$\bar{Z}_n = 2(n - 4)(Z + \mathbf{1}_{\Lambda_n})$$

where: X_n counts # of p_1 patt. over terms of size n

Y_n is the same for the pattern $(\lambda x. \lambda y. t_1) t_2$, and

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The \bar{V} for $V \in \{X_n, Y_n, Z_n\}$ are cummulative over families of abstractions

The lower bound

Theorem

Let W_n be the random variable given by number of steps required to normalise a linear term of size $n \in 3\mathbb{N} + 2$. Then

$$\mathbb{E}(W_n) \geq \frac{11n}{240}, \text{ for } n \text{ large enough}$$

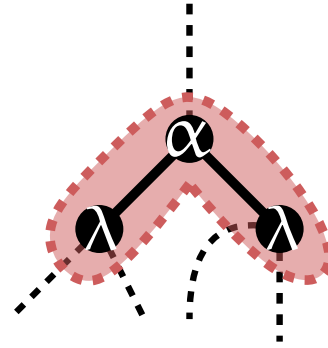
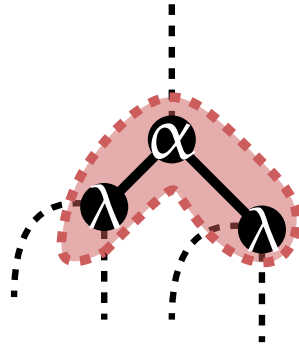
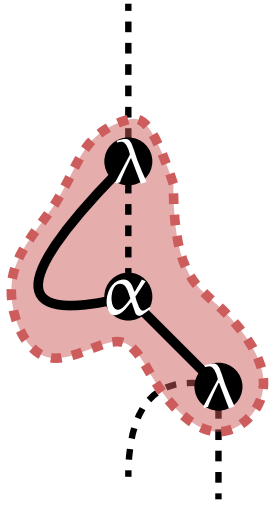
During an open problem session of CLA 2020, Noam Zeilberger conjectured:

$$\mathbb{E}(W_n) \sim \frac{n}{21}$$

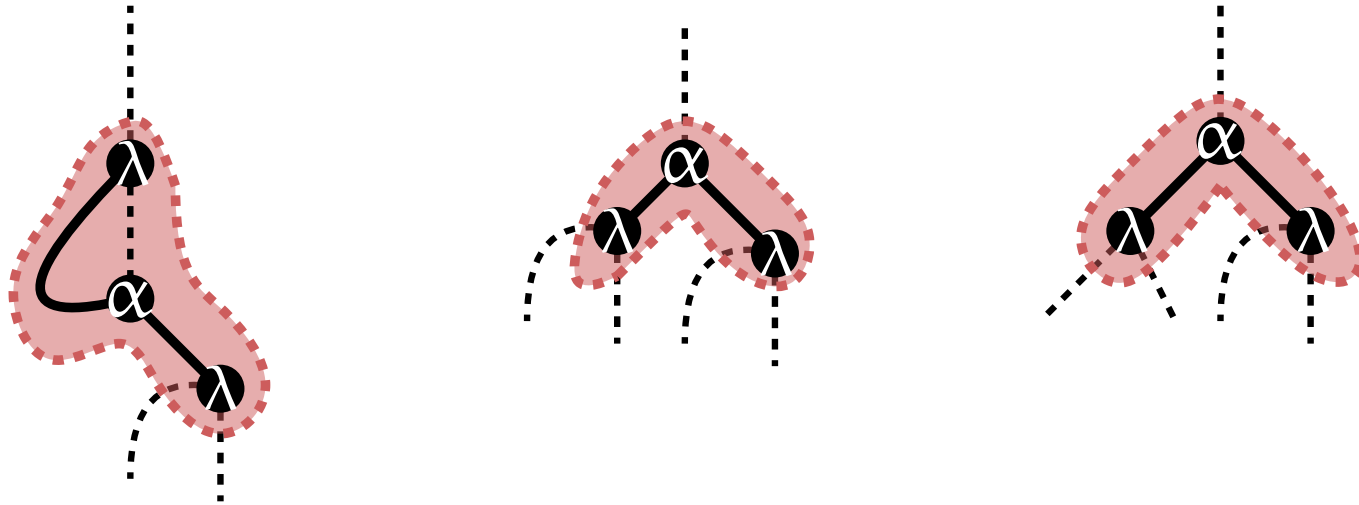
We got pretty close:

$$\frac{11}{240} - \frac{1}{21} = 0.001\dots$$

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$$\mathbb{E}(\#(\lambda x.t) y) \sim \frac{n}{30}$$

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$$\mathbb{E}(\#(a b) (\lambda y.t')) \sim \frac{n}{120}$$

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